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Political and Economic Information: Mayor LI
 25X1A requires Promise of Assistance for Tsingtao
 from Central Government

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1. On 16 March 1948 Mayor LI returned to Tsingtao from Shanghai and Nanking, where he and Central Government authorities had discussed methods of improving conditions in Tsingtao.
2. The following objectives were accomplished at these meetings:
- A directive was received from the Generalissimo which was forwarded to General TING, commanding officer of the 11 Pacification Area, stating that TING's authority extended only to military activities and all civil authority was to remain under the municipal government.
 Note: General TING and Mayor LI have long been in disagreement. TING claimed supreme authority in Tsingtao because of his position as head of the 11 Pacification Area.)
 - An allotment of 80,000 bags of flour and 20,000 bags of rice per month has been made for Tsingtao.
 - Enough coal to run the power plant on full schedule was promised; this would permit operation of the cotton factories.
 - A Central Government allotment of 200 tons of rice to feed refugees in the Tsingtao area was granted. LI plans to establish thirty-three rice kitchens, and estimates that these kitchens will feed 60,000 refugees each day.
 - Central Government approval for the use of refugees as laborers on municipal projects was secured. About 5,000 refugees will be employed to repair roads throughout the city. A factory for the weaving of cotton and grass linen is being planned, and the profits derived from the sale of these products will be used for relief work.
3. Prior to the recent explosion of the Eighth Army ammunition dump, a good deal of the ammunition had been illegally sold. The explosion was planned to cover this sale, as a new supply officer was about to take over the dump.
4. The Central Government will soon liberalize its policy in regard to foreign ships entering Tsingtao, and registered shipping companies will be permitted to bring one foreign ship per month into this port.

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